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1. The ordinary people in the Canton area welcomed the news of American intervention in Korea, as they believed that it marked the beginning of the end of Communist domination of China. Intellectuals in the area interpret the movement of troop trains to the north as evidence of the long planned withdrawal of the Communists from South China. Ordinary people, however, fear this troops movement will result in the military authorities making use of the recently completed draft census to force all young men of Kwangtung to accompany them.
2. People are not fooled by the Stockholm peace appeal signature campaign. The price of forbidden Hong Kong newspapers is HK \$2.00 per copy.
3. Soldiers stationed in the Canton area are impressed by the action of the United States. Military and political offices are devoting all their attention to the situation in Korea, while trying to appear uninterested.

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